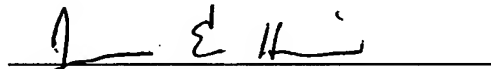


### REMARKS

This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/429,229 filed October 28, 1999. Claims 5-8 are canceled in this amendment. Allowance of claims 1-4 and 9-22 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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